

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Illustratively shown are 4 left and right rows of, and 5 up and down stages of shelves 2 [...] (totally 20) ~~are~~ installed in the case storage section 8 of the upper structure ~~7B~~ 7A. A door panel 6 is attached to a front end of each shelf 2, and the door panels 6 [...] cover the front opening of the upper structure 7A (case storage section 8) in a state in which all the shelves 2 [...] are stored in the case storage section 8. A passage 9 opened up-and-down is formed back and forth on a center of the shelf. On both left and right sides of the passage 9, illustratively shown are 8 driving bases (totally 16) of a tablet case 3 ~~are~~ attached back and forth in parallel.

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The shelf 2 to each of which the plurality of tablet cases 3 [...] is stored in the case storage section 8 so as to be freely pulled out. A harness 28 is disposed in a rear end of the shelf 2 to electrify the drum motor of the tablet cases 3 [...] and to transmit an output from the medicine detection sensor.

In a state in which the plurality of shelves 2 [...] are stored in the case storage section 8, the passages 9 of the shelves 2, which are located up and down, correspond to each other to constitute a series of chutes 32 ~~which~~ that are communicated up and down. Thus, according to the embodiment as illustratively shown, 4 left and right rows of chutes 32 [...] are constituted up and down in the case storage section 8.

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Two opening/closing plates 53, 53 are disposed side by side in the upper side of the lower structure 7B. The opening/closing plates 53, 53 correspond to the lower sides of the chutes 32 [...] located above. The opening/closing plate 53 of the right side corresponds to the chutes 32, 32 of the right end and the left side, while the opening/closing plate 53 of the left side corresponds to the

chutes 32, 32 of the left end and the right side. The opening/closing plate 53 serves to temporarily receive a medicine dropped from each chute 32 to a later-described hopper 54.

The hopper 54 is disposed in the lower structure 7B corresponding to the lower sides of the opening/closing plates 53, 53. The hopper 54 is formed in a rectangular filter shape which is widely opened in an upper surface and narrowed toward the bottom end. The hopper 54 receives medicines dropped from the chutes 32 [...] and passed through the opening/closing plates 53, 53, and discharges the medicines from a bottom end opening 54A.

The upper end left and right sides of the hopper 54 are detachably fixed by screws to drawing rails 56, 56 attached to the upper left and right sides of the lower structure 7B. The opening/closing plates 53, 53 are positioned on the drawing rails 56, 56 to be detachably fixed thereto by screws. Thus, the hopper 54 and the opening/closing plate 53, 53 ~~a~~ are simultaneously pulled out freely to the front from the lower structure 7B in the opened states of the lower panels 4, [,] and detachably attached to the drawing rails 56, 56 in the pulled-out state. A not-shown detachable harness for the opening/closing plate 53 is also disposed. This harness has a length to permit a sufficient pulling-out amount of the opening/closing plate 53.

By the above structure, in the case of maintenance such as replacement of the tablet case 3, cleaning of the chutes 32 [...] constituted of the passages 9, and the hopper 54, and component replacement of the wrapping machine 13, these portions are pulled out from the upper structure 7A or the lower structure 7B of the main body 7 to carry out detaching work.

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The engaging shaft 104 is made of a metal or a synthetic resin, and a plurality of engaging projections 107 [...] are formed in a side face thereof as shown in FIG. 6. Each engaging projection 107 is inclined to intersect an axial direction of the engaging shaft 104 (the engaging shaft 104 is projected obliquely right upward from the base plate 103 in FIG. 4, and projected obliquely left upward in FIG. 5) at a predetermined angle. This inclination is set so that the projection can be extended from the tip of the engaging shaft 104 toward the base end 103, and in a rotational

direction (indicated by an arrow in FIG. 6) of the engaging shaft 104 and the base plate 103. The engaging shaft 104 is formed in a predetermined tapered shape so that its tip can be tapered, and a tapered portion 108 is formed therein.